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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: The West New Guinea Situation

SUMMARY

1. In NIE 55-62, "The Prospects for Indonesia," dated 7 March 1962, we estimated the chances for a negotiated settlement of the West New Guinea dispute as "slightly better than even." We are now inclined to be less sanguine and would presently rate the chances for resolution of the dispute before the outbreak of major hostilities as no better than 50-50. To be sure, the various factors favorable to a settlement remain generally operative, and US mediation efforts, although not yet successful, have narrowed the differences between the contending parties.

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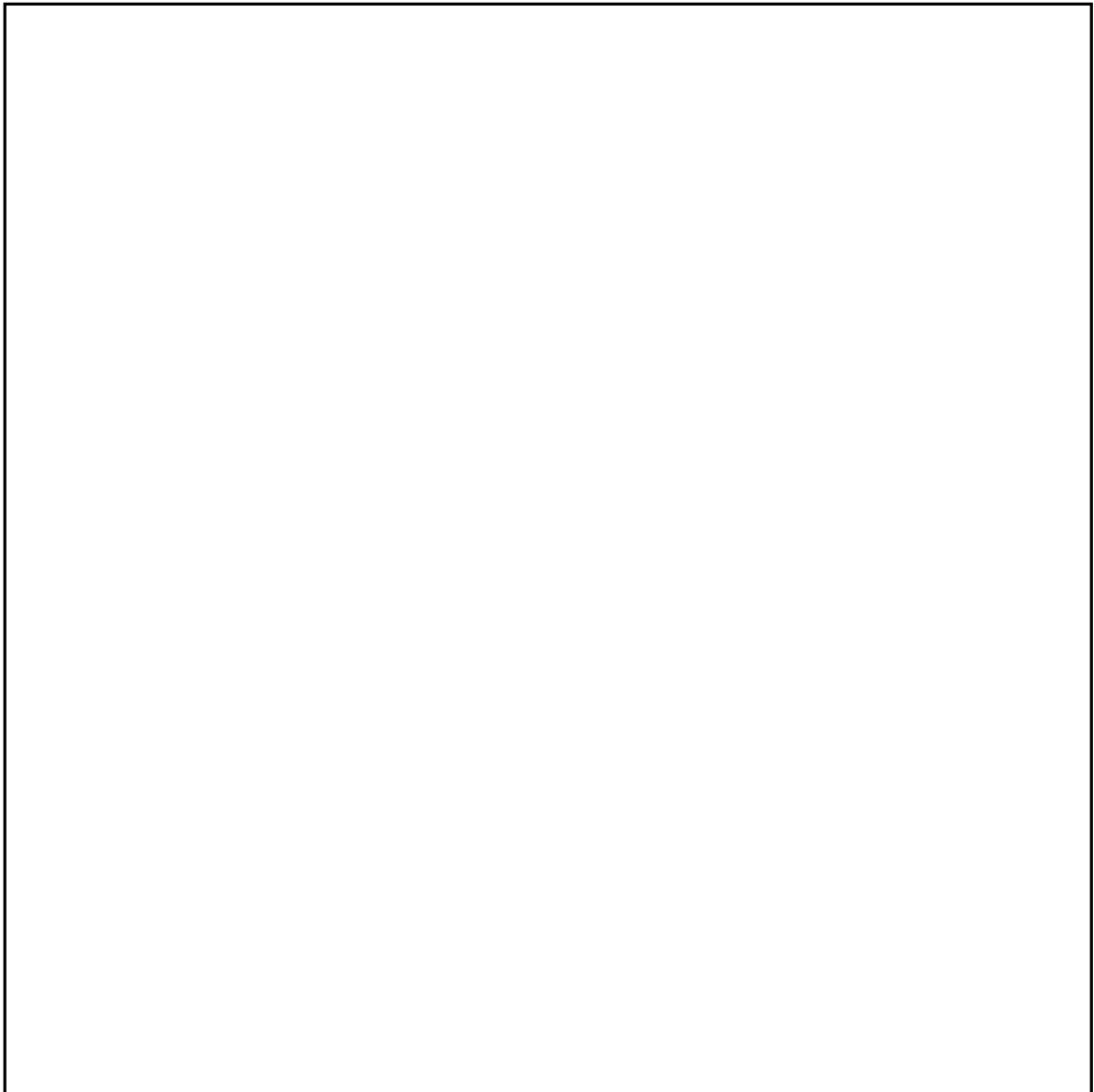
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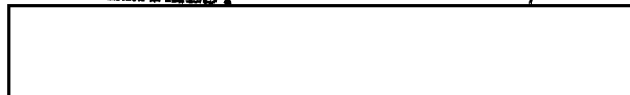
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